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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of January 31, 2006, Applicants submit herewith a substitute "Amendments to the Claims" section of the Response to Office Action and Suggestion Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.202 for An Interference With U.S. Patent Nos. 6,190,408 and 6,409,760 filed January 23, 2006. The originally-filed Response inadvertently omitted the listing of claims 1-14 as canceled. A copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is also enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Response, and charge any required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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